

In the Claims:

Cancel claim 14, add claim 27, and amend claims 15-19, 21 and 25.

1.-14. (Canceled).

15. (Currently amended). A method according to claim ~~14~~ 27, wherein the step of bringing, in succession, worn-out working roll sets (6) includes simultaneously adjusting, in a starting position (1a) in front of each rolling mill stand (2, 3, 4), the transversely displaceable carriages (9, 10, 11) to respective exchange distances (2a, 3a, 4a), moving out the worn-out working roll sets (6) on one ~~halves~~ half of each of the respective transversely displaceable carriages (9, 10, 11) and subsequently moving the worn-out working roll sets (6) by the respective transversely displaceable carriages (9, 10, 11) and via slide strips at respective chocks into the roll workshop (20) and unloading the worn-out working roll sets (6) there, and wherein the step of bringing new working roll sets (6a) and distributing the new working roll sets between respective rolling mill stands (2, 3, 4) includes bringing the new working roll sets (6a) to the starting position (1a) and after the worn-out working roll sets (6) are moved out, transversely displacing the new working roll sets (6a) on another ~~halves~~ half of each of the respective transversely displaceable carriages (9, 10, 11) and moving the new working roll sets (6a) by the respective carriages (9, 10, 11) in the respective rolling mill stands (2, 3, 4).

16. (Currently amended). A method according to claim 15, wherein the moving-out step includes pulling, in the start position (1a), respective worn-out working roll sets (6) onto respective one ~~halves~~ half of each of the respective transversely displaceable carriages, and wherein the moving-in step includes pushing the new working roll sets (6a), which are brought from the roll workshop (20), on the another ~~halves~~ half of each of the respective carriages (2, 3, 4) at the respective exchange distances (2a, 3a, 4a) and, with respective axial spacings.

17. (Currently amended). A method according to claim 14 27, comprising ~~the a~~ step of moving the transversely displaceable carriages (9, 10, 11) in a rolling direction (13) one after another from predetermined positions thereof for mounting the new working roll sets (6a) in the respective rolling mill stands (2, 3, 4) and for dismounting the worn-out rolling mill sets (6).

18. (Currently amended). A method according to claim 14 27, comprising ~~the a~~ step of providing intermediate plates (7a) for establishing, between the transversely displaceable carriages (9, 10, 11), precisely reproducible distances and exchange positions with respect to adjacent rolling mill stands (2, 3, 4), and providing closing plates (18) at ends of a foundation pit (15a) with respective intermediate plates (7a) being pivotally attached to the transversely displaceable carriages (9, 10, 11) and ~~pivoted~~ pivotable in a horizontal plane, and canceling the

established exchange distances (2a, 3a, 4a) by pivotal and vertical displacement of at least one of the intermediate plates (7a) and the closing plates (18).

19. (Currently amended). A method according to claim ~~15~~ 18, comprising ~~the~~ a step of forming a respective gap in front of each of the rolling mill stands (2, 3, 4) for exchange of the backup roll sets (5) by displacing away the transversely displaceable carriages (9, 10, 11) to dismount a respective worn-out backup roll set (5) and mount a serviced backup roll set with a crane.

20. (Previously presented). A method according to claim 19, wherein the gap-forming step includes closing the gap in front of each rolling mill stand (2, 3, 4) by pivoting the intermediate plates (7a), and displacing the respective transversely displaceable carriages (9, 10, 11) to the exchange distances (2a, 3a, 4a).

21. (Currently amended). A method according to claim ~~14~~ 27, comprising ~~the~~ a step of displacing empty transversely displaceable carriages (9, 10, 11), with the intermediate plates (7a) being pivoted out, in a parking position at one of the opposite ends of the rolling mill train (1).

22. (Previously presented). An installation for exchanging roll sets (5, 6) in rolling mill stands (2, 3, 4) of a rolling mill train (1) with several rolling mill stands (2, 3, 4) having respective backup and working roll sets (5, 6), comprising a

drive for transverse mounting and dismounting roll sets (5, 6); transversely displaceable carriages (9, 10, 11) connected with the drive; continuous rails (14) for the transversely displaceable carriages (9, 10, 11) and which are placed in a foundation (15) parallel to a rolling direction (13) at fixed distances (16) between the rolling mill stands (2, 3, 4); pivotal intermediate plates (7a) for controlling the distances (16); a single connection track (14a) extending to a roll workshop (20) transverse to the rails (14) for the transversely displaceable carriages (9, 10, 11); and a locomotive (21) displaceable along the connection track (14a) and to which the working roll sets (6, 6a) are attachable and detachable.

23. (Previously presented). An installation according to claim 22, wherein the intermediate plates (7a) are pivotable upwardly or downwardly in a vertical plane, or are adjustable in a horizontal plane.

24. (Previously presented). An installation according to claim (22), wherein the intermediate plates (7a) are, respectively, pivotally mounted on respective transversely displaceable carriages (9, 10, 11) and are pivotable by piston cylinder drives (17) pivotally secured on the respective transversely displaceable carriages, (9, 10, 11).

25. (Currently amended). An installation according to claim 22, further comprising closing plates (18) provided at ends of a foundation pit (15a), and wherein the transversely displaceable carriages (9, 10, 11), intermediate plates (7a)

pivotal in a horizontal plane, and closing plates (18) pivotally mounted in a stationary position and pivotable vertically and horizontally, form together a continuous accessible surface (19).

26. (Previously presented). An installation according to claim 22, wherein at the ends of the rails (14) that run parallel to the rolling direction (13), respective fixedly and pivotally supported closing plates (18) are arranged and which provide for movement of at least half of the transversely displaceable carriages (9, 10, 11) together with the pivotal intermediate plates (7a).

27. (New). A method of exchanging supported on top of each other, working roll sets (6) and backup roll sets (5) of rolling mill stands (2, 3, 4) of a rolling mill train (10), the method comprising the steps of: on an operator's side (1b), bringing, in succession, worn-out working roll sets (6) of individual rolling mill stands (2, 3, 4) by separate transversely displaceable carriages (9, 10, 11) a number of which corresponds to a number of rolling mill stands (2, 3, 4) in the rolling mill train (1) and which are displaceable between respective rolling mill stands (2, 3, 4) and a single connection track (14a) leading to a roll workshop (20), onto the connection track (20) and advancing the worn-out working roll sets (6) by a single locomotive into the roll workshop (20);

bringing new working roll sets (6a) from the workshop (20) and depositing the new working roll sets (6a) at predetermined exchanged distances (2a, 3a, 4a) on

respective transversely displaceable carriages (9, 10, 11) between the rolling mill stands (2, 3, 4) and distributing the new working roll sets (6a) between respective rolling mill stands (2, 3, 4); and

after unblocking the operator's side (1b) as a result of displacing of the transversely displaceable carriages (9, 10, 11) away in front of the respective rolling mill stands (2, 3, 4), bringing the worn-out backup roll sets (5) by a crane in the roll workshop (20), servicing the worn-out backup roll sets (5) in the workshop (20), and transporting the serviced backup roll sets (5) from the workshop (20) and mounting the serviced backup roll sets (5) in corresponding rolling mill stands (2, 3, 4).